(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The budget speech for the year 2000-2001 clearly stipulates that the entire receipt from disinvestment and privatization will be used for meeting expenditure in Social Sectors, restructuring of PSUs and retiring public debt.

Proposals referred to Disinvestment Commission

5231. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals referred to the Disinvestment Commission during 1999 and 2000, till date;

(b) the details of recommendations/reports of the Commission submitted till date;

(c) the action plan of Government to clear the backlog;

(d) the amount realised, so far, therefrom; and

(e) the projects/purposes on which the amount is likely to be spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) During 1999, twelve PSUs were referred to the Disinvestment Commission for consideration. During the year 2000 no PSU has been referred to the Commission.

(b) and (c) Till now, the Commission has submitted 12 reports covering 58 Public Sector Enterprises. In these reports, the Commission has recommended for trade sale in 8 PSEs, offer of share through capital market in 5 PSEs, strategic sale in various proportions in 29 enterprises, closure/ sale of assets in 4 PSEs and in respect of 12 enterprises, it had advocated no disinvestment for the present. These recommendations are processed as per a prescribed procedure. These recommendations are at various states of implementation in concerned Ministries. There is no backlog in implementation.

(d) and (e) So far a total amount of Rs. 18,394 crores has been realised from disinvestment. This has been credited to the consolidated Fund of India. The entire receipt from disinvestment and privatization will be used for meeting expenditure in social sectors, restructuring of PSUs and retiring public debt.

Production of Cement by CCI

5232. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of cement by the units of Cement Corporation of India during the current year as compared to the last five years;

(b) the reasons for fall in production thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of cement; and

(d) whether salaries are being paid to the employees of CCI regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The total production of cement by CCI during the past six years (1994-95 to 1999-2000) was as under:—

(in Lakh Metric Tons)

Year	Production
1994-95	21.89
1995-96	19.56
1996-97	17.20
1997-98	9.85
1998-99	9.47
1999-2000	6.55 (prov.)

(b) The decline in production was mainly due to liquidity crunch and related factors.

(c) CCI has been under reference to BIFR and its revival of the company is dependent on the scheme which may be finalised by the BIFR.

(d) Due to the liquidity problems being faced by CCI, there have been intermittent delays in payment of the salary to the employees.